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**PORT OF BENTON  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Agenda**

**8:30 a.m., April 29, 2026**

**3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99354**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 26-32, Appointment of Claims for Damages Agent
2. Resolution 26-33, A Resolution of the Port of Benton Amending Signers for Banner and Key Banks

**D. Convene Executive Session**

- Discussion with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) matters relating to agency enforcement action, litigation or potential litigation, and legal risks

The executive session is expected to take 30 minutes.

**E. RECONVENE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

- Possible Commission Action regarding the status of pending employment investigations.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Port of Benton Commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 8:30 AM**, at the Port of Benton Commission Room at 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, Washington. Visit [portofbenton.com](http://portofbenton.com) for notices and information.

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PORT OF BENTON  
3250 PORT OF BENTON BLVD.  
RICHLAND, WA 99354

**RESOLUTION 26-32**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF BENTON**  
**APPOINTING AN AGENT TO RECEIVE**  
**CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES (RCW 4.96.020)**

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Benton is a political subdivision of the State of Washington acting through an elected Commission pursuant to Chapter RCW 53.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provision of RCW 4.96.020, the governing body of each local government entity shall appoint an agent to receive any claim for damages made under Chapter 4.96 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the identity of the agent and the address where he or she may be reached during the regular business hours of the local governmental entity are public records and shall be recorded with the auditor of the county in which the entity is located; and

**WHEREAS**, all claims for damages against a local governmental entity, or against any local governmental entity's officers, employees, or volunteers, acting in such capacity, shall be presented to the agent within the applicable period of limitations within which an action must be commenced; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure of a local governmental entity to comply with the requirements of this section precludes that local governmental entity from raising a defense under Chapter 4.96 RCW.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Port of Benton Commission hereby appoints the below-listed agent to receive any claims for damages made under Chapter 4.96 RCW.

Agent Appointed:     Stuart Dezember, CPA, PPM®, CGMA  
                                  Director of Finance  
Office Address:       3250 Port of Benton Blvd.  
                                  Richland, WA 99354  
Business Hours:      Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
                                  Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Port of Benton Commission hereby directs that the clerk of the Port of Benton shall record this document with the Benton County Auditor.

**DATED AND SIGNED** at Richland, Washington, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Bill O’Neil, President

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Scott D. Keller, Vice President

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Lori Stevens, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 26-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF BENTON,  
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SIGNERS FOR BANNER AND KEY BANKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Benton is a municipal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, RCW 53.04.010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has recently experienced staffing changes; and

**WHEREAS**, Banner and Key Banks require a resolution to add and remove users to the Port's accounts with Banner and Key Banks,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF BENTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Stuart Dezember shall be added as a signer to the Port's Banner and Key Bank accounts.
2. Jeff Lubeck shall be removed as a signer to the Port's Banner and Key Bank accounts.

**DATED AND SIGNED** at Richland, Washington, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Bill O'Neil, President

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Scott D. Keller, Vice President

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Lori Stevens, Secretary